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<i>Filing Date</i>	January 7, 1998
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<i>Art Unit</i>	2863
<i>Examiner Name</i>	Michael P. Nghiem
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	448563/0159 (Q48630)

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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to a Final Office Action of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated April 10, 2003, in the above-identified application. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE), a Petition for extension of time, and an IDS are being submitted concurrently herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.